

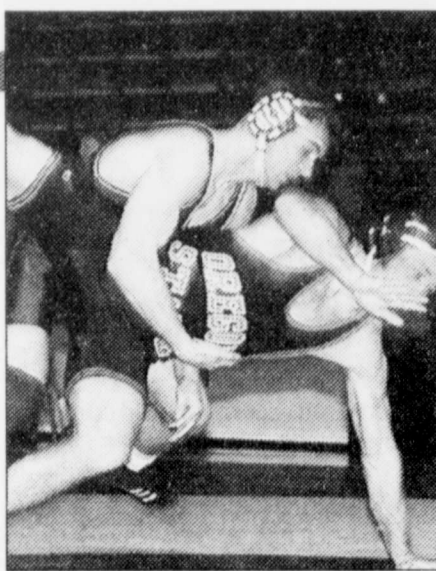
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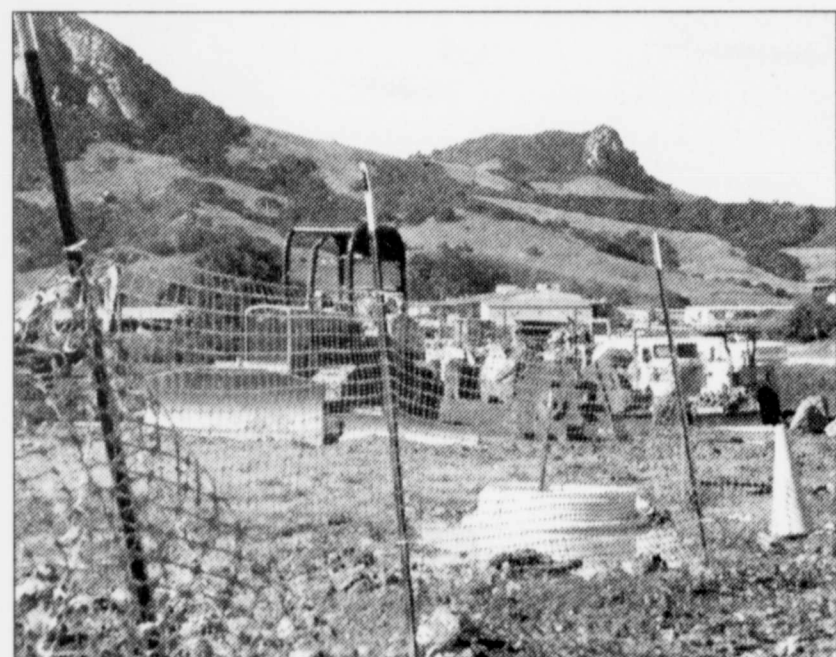
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Baker takes \$1 million of student money for complex



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Since the Sports Complex surpassed its budget, President Baker took nearly \$1 million from student fees to fund the project Tuesday.

By Andy Castagnola
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cal Poly President Warren Baker dipped into nearly \$1 million of student-fee money to fill a Sports Complex funding gap Tuesday.

The complex has surpassed its budget by \$3.1 million, bringing its total cost to \$12.1 million, said Juan Gonzalez, vice president of student affairs. To meet the increased cost, Baker appropriated \$919,000 from the University Union reserves maintained by Associated Students Inc. The reserve money comes directly from students' tuition.

Previously, ASI committed to contributing about \$5 million toward the Sports Complex, or 52 percent of the total estimate. Now, ASI is responsible for about \$6 million in funding, although the percentage of its contribution decreased

to 49.6 percent.

"(ASI's) proportion has actually decreased," Gonzalez said.

However, a source close to ASI said Baker had vowed not to reach into student fees for more Sports Complex money.

► University officials will announce the decision tonight at 5 p.m. in UU Room 220.

ultimately by the state. Since the UU is a state facility, its funds belong to the state and not to ASI. As a result, Baker has authority over UU funds.

Gonzalez also assured that Baker's decision will not impact plans for UU expansion or renovation.

"We still have enough money to push forward with the master plan. The UU future will not be jeopardized," Gonzalez said.

The ASI source said the university exhausted several other options for funding and began exploring ASI for money about two weeks ago. The other funding options make up more than \$2.1 of the \$3.1 million in added costs for the Sports Complex.

"This is not about not doing enough fundraising," Gonzalez said. "We want an absolutely wonderful Sports Complex."

University officials will announce the appropriation at tonight's ASI Board of Directors meeting at 5 p.m. in UU Room 220.

Baker could not be reached for comment.

Groundhog shadow shines on businesses

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Today's appearance of the groundhog and his shadow may tell us how soon to expect spring this year, but local students' participation in Groundhog Day 2000 may help determine more important things.

Groundhog Shadow Day, a national job-shadowing program, is taking place for the first time in San Luis Obispo County.

San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Communications Director Alex LaChapelle said approximately 200 students from area schools will visit businesses in a wide variety of fields to see what career opportunities are available to them in the future. The program will continue for two months, and organizers hope to have 400 students participate during that time.

About 50 businesses have signed

up to participate, but more businesses may sign up during the next two months. Participating businesses include health services such as French Hospital; media such as The Tribune and television station KSBY; local government work at Lois Capps' office; and various departments at Cal Poly, including the Society of Women engineers.

Groundhog Shadow Day is in its third year nationally and is being coordinated locally for the first time by the Education to Career Connection and the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

In previous years, the Rotary Club has organized job-shadowing programs, but organizers of this year's program want to see them grow.

"We're looking to expand it and make it into a year-round program," said Karen Lopez, Education to

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'Roofie' test free if students file campus police report

By Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

You are at a party or social event with both friendly and unfamiliar faces. You may set your drink down or simply look away for a moment. That split second is all it takes for someone to slip a drug like Rohypnol in your drink. As the drug dissolves, you continue to swallow the liquid, not noticing a change because it is colorless, odorless and tasteless. You may not even know what happened until the next day, because the drug often causes temporary amnesia.

At Cal Poly, there are numerous confidential options available for students who come in contact with Rohypnol.

If a police report is filed with Cal Poly Police, a student has the option to take a free test at Bishop Labs in San Luis Obispo to determine whether any date rape drugs are present in his or her body. By filing a police report, the student does not have to agree to file charges against anyone.

"I want people to understand that by filing a report, it doesn't mean you have to proceed with criminal action," University Police Investigator Mike Kennedy said. "(The report) simply gives them an option of coming forward."

Most confusion is due to not knowing what filing a report entails.

"At the very minimum, filing a

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Poly recruits female sergeant

By Amy Lovell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of winter quarter, Cal Poly welcomed its first female U.S. Army recruiter to help guide students in their decision to join the army or ROTC.

Staff Sgt. Anna Daffin, US Army Recruiting Program's recruiter, took the job because she loves to help students. Daffin said that her recruiter made a major impact in her life.

"I wanted to be just like her," Daffin said. "I decided I wanted to be a recruiter, and I was told it takes at least four years."

Daffin accomplished her goal in three and a half years. Last fiscal year she was top new recruiter of the year.

Roxanne Fox, West Point graduate and captain company commander of the army's Gold Coast Recruiting Company in Oxnard, believes Daffin was the best prospect for the job.

"We were looking for someone who would relate well with the local populace, a leader who would make an impact and promote the army," Fox said. "Sgt. Daffin is very enthusiastic and is a professional soldier."

Some students find that Daffin is not as intimidating as expected.

"I like her warm smile," military science junior Arturo Araiza said. "She offers mentoring and support."

Daffin has the added distinction of being the first recruiter in a pilot program intended to "marry up the Reserve Officers Training Program and the U.S. Army Recruiting Command," Lieutenant Colonel Collin Agee said.

This will expand her job in the sense that now, if Daffin discovers that a student is not right for the army but is better suited for ROTC, she is now qualified to let the person know what's available in ROTC.

"In the past, the two departments shared no communication," Daffin said. "Now, we're trained to take initial information from an individual to determine which program is best and



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Staff Sgt. Anna Daffin is Cal Poly's first female U.S. Army recruiter. Daffin came to Cal Poly at the beginning of winter quarter.

pass that along to the appropriate person."

The army hopes the consolidation will increase retention.

Agee said recruiters are the heart and soul of what both programs do and that Daffin's job can be very difficult.

"Right now the baby boom is over, the economy is doing well, the army has to provide additional incentives to attract new recruits," Agee said. "How this program does here will determine how it expands over the entire country."

Fox said the army hopes to get the word out about its benefits.

"Many people don't know there is an All Army Sports Team and that some of its members have gone to the Olympics," Fox said.

Daffin is a former winner of the Texas State Championship body building title. During that time, Daffin met other goal-oriented people who wanted to make their mark in life.

"I used to work out with Evander Holyfield and Purnell Whitaker in Texas," Daffin said. "We were trying to get that edge and be the best. Body building is very demanding, but after I accomplished my goals in the sport, I wondered what was next."

Daffin wanted something different.

"I wanted to challenge myself," Daffin said. "I thought of myself as hard and tough, and I wanted a job as hard as me."

The Marines gave her all she could

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report is simply telling the police what happened," Kennedy said. "You don't have to do anything with a report."

Cal Poly officials stress the importance of filing a report because it allows the victim to proceed with further action in the future if desired.

It is crucial to file a report as soon as possible if further action is desired.

"When drugs are given to a person, it is even more critical (to file a report) because we are dealing with a time element," Kennedy said.

"Time is of the essence," Martin Bragg, director of Health and Psychological Services said. "Most of the date rape drugs only remain in the system for four to 12 hours."

It is not required to file a report or proceed with criminal action when discussing options with Cal Poly officials.

"We want people to tell us there has been a crime committed, but if they don't want to, that is their choice," Kennedy said.

In California, there is a confidentiality statement a sexual assault victim can request, Kennedy said.

Cal Poly Police is required to make the option of contacting rape crisis help available for victims. Rape crisis

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director of Health and Psychological Services

counseling is provided for the victim and can be obtained at the Health Center.

"After going through this, the majority of the time, the survivor doesn't want to proceed further," Kennedy said. "Nothing is going to happen to that report other than it being put in our files and evidence."

However, if a victim does not want to file a report, the drug test will not be administered for free.

"If a student just wants to get the test taken and not file a report, they can get it done at the Health Center and pay for it out-of-pocket," SAFER adviser Erin Duran said. SAFER, Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resources, provides education and awareness about sexual assault to the Cal Poly community.

"If someone wants to come in and say to the police, 'I am a victim of a crime. I am not going to tell you anything about it, but I want to be tested,' we can work with the Health Center, but there is no guarantee that the Health Center will be willing to do the

test for free," Kennedy said.

The funding level of the Health Center does not include the costs of outside tests.

"The specific test for Rohypnol, last year, was in the \$100 range," Bragg said. "If a student feels that they have been drugged, there are a couple of tests that we can run, and we simply charge the student at our cost."

However, patients do not often come to the Health Center for date rape drug testing. Only two to three students were tested last year, Bragg said.

"We have never had a positive finding for Rohypnol at the Health Center," Bragg said.

Cal Poly Police recently developed an informational brochure that describes warning signs, prevention tips and a list of phone numbers to call for assistance. The brochures are available at the University Police Department and will be distributed on campus.

A 24-hour rape crisis hotline is also available at 756-SAFE.

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Career Connection site facilitator at San Luis Obispo High School.

The Education to Career Connection is a program that tries to

incorporate career information and opportunities in high school curriculum.

"Research shows that students are more excited about learning if they can see the relevance to the rest of their lives, especially their future careers," said Robyn Hooker, coordinator of the Education to Career

Connection.

This program will allow students to observe and participate in the career of their choice for a few hours a day. The site facilitators at local schools are responsible for contacting the businesses in which the students are interested, and helping set up the job-shadowing.

McCain wins in primary

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain scored a convincing win over George W. Bush in New Hampshire's leadoff primary Tuesday, puncturing Bush's self-styled aura as the Republican's inevitable nominee. Bill Bradley, the Democratic underdog, battled Vice President Al Gore in a high-stakes race of their own.

Gore and Bradley were in a close race, according to voter interviews that showed McCain winning easily in his showdown with Bush.

"We beat him amongst everyone, men and women, Republican and independent, young and old," McCain said in an interview with The Associated Press. He credited his agenda of political and campaign finance reform for his victory and said

New Hampshire voters had provided the momentum he needed heading into South Carolina and states that vote later.

McCain invested most of his time and money in the nation's leadoff primary, gambling that New Hampshire's independent-minded voters would be drawn to his reform agenda. Though his campaign is more national in scope, Bush also invested millions of dollars in hopes of winning New Hampshire and stopping McCain's insurgent candidacy.

"New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners and this year will be no exception," Bush told The AP. He congratulated McCain and pledged to campaign hard against the Arizonan in follow-up primaries.

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handle in basic camp, which lasted 12 weeks.

"I woke up every morning saying 'God help me get through this day,'" Daffin said.

Daffin finished basic camp a distinguished honor graduate, finishing number one in a platoon of 65 women. She also received the leather neck award from her peers for the most dis-

tinguished performance.

Daffin said one of her main goals is to educate people that army personnel are no different than other people.

"We're human too," Daffin said. "I'm a boxing fan, a shoe fanatic; I own 125 pairs of shoes. People in the army like to listen to rap, watch football games and dance."

Daffin said her top priority is helping others accomplish their goals while showing them a better way of life.

"I'm here for the students; I'm not here for Sgt. Daffin," she said.

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Moustafa's BIG ADVENTURE

By Megan Shearn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For mechanical engineering professor Safwat Moustafa, the future of transportation doesn't lie in flying cars but in solar powered bicycles.

"It's a very practical, viable and healthy alternative," he said.

Moustafa brought the idea from a similar project he worked on in Palm Springs. One year ago he made a proposal to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to help fund the project. The APCD thought it was such a great idea they awarded him a grant of \$25,000.

Moustafa thought San Luis Obispo was the perfect place to try out the bike. He estimated that 50 percent of drivers in SLO work between five to 10 miles from home.

"(The bike) would cut down on emissions and traffic," he said.

It would also alleviate parking problems on campus because it occupies a very small space, said Moustafa.

Moustafa and students worked together to create the bikes. There

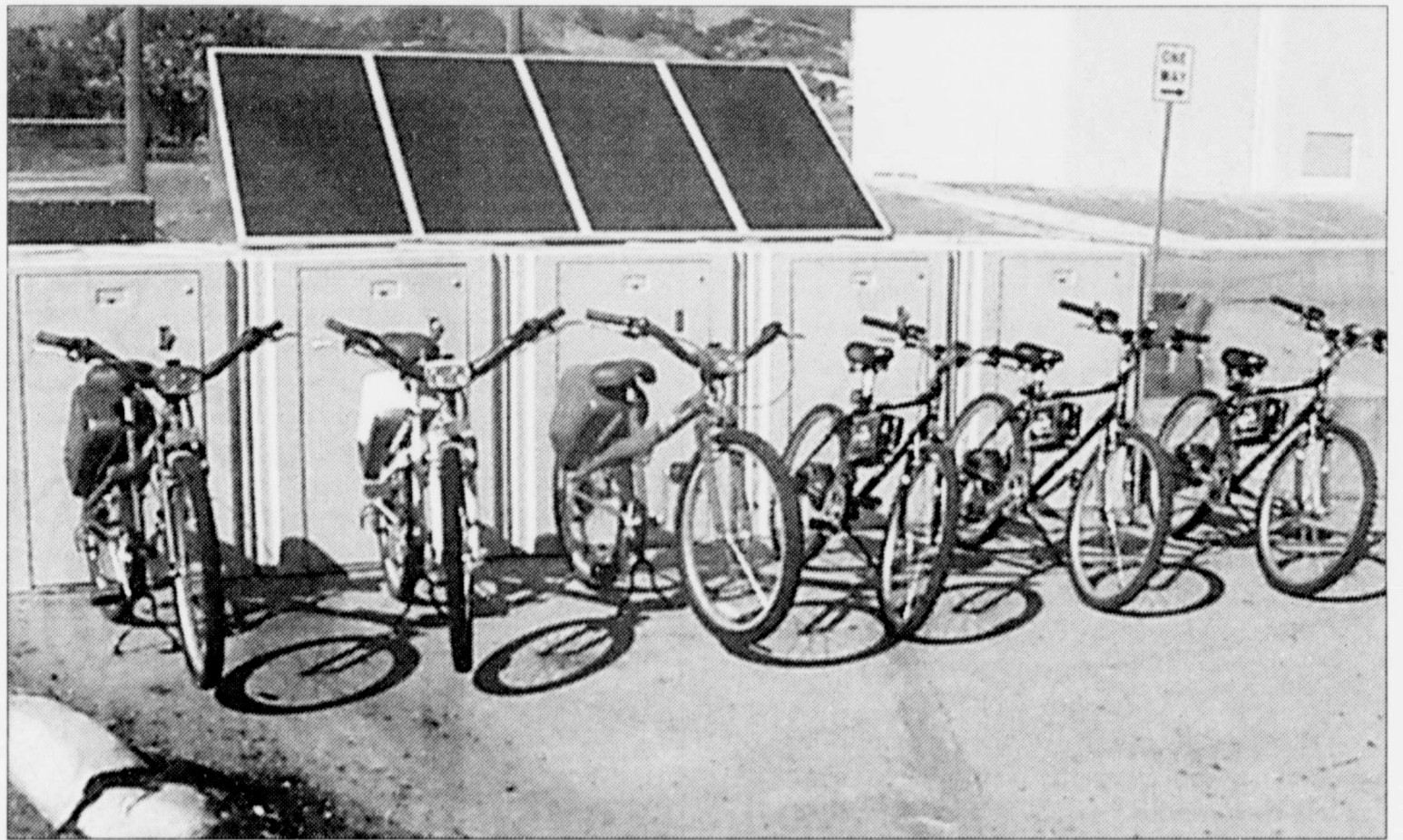
are six total bikes with one to spare in case of an accident.

To make the bikes "zip very fast," as Moustafa said, there are 12-volt batteries attached to the back of the bike or under the bars.

The bikes are hooked up to an electric plug in a bike locker near the mechanical engineering building. Solar panels are located on the roofs of the lockers to charge the outlets that the bikes are plugged into. When they're charged up, the bikes can go up to 25 mph and travel 20 miles before quitting.

Although the bikes may be confused with mopeds, they are different. They are 10-speed bikes, but the rider doesn't have to work as hard to make the bike go. The rider can pedal without the battery, use a combination of both or take the easy way out — use only the battery. The bikes have features that include a headlight, turn signals and a horn.

To see how the bike would handle real-life situations, Moustafa loaned the bike out for two weeks to people who had helped with the project. The



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Solar powered bikes occupy lockers equipped with solar panels near the mechanical engineering building.

volunteers had to fill out a time log listing when they used it and wrote their likes and dislikes about the bike.

"The results have been astonishing," Moustafa said.

For Mary Cooper, a mechanical engineering lecturer, the bike came in handy. Cooper already rode her bike to school and found the new bike a refreshing change.

"I didn't arrive sweaty and out of breath and I didn't have to work as hard going up the hills," she said.

The only problem Cooper had with the bike was the excess weight

from the battery. When it came time to pedal, Cooper found herself working twice as hard.

Daren Connor, a University Union program coordinator, liked the idea so much he invested in a battery and motor which he retrofitted to make a bike for his wife.

"It's a kick! I like the built-in headlight. The only aerobic activity is switching the on button with your index finger," he said. "It's perfect for use around town."

The bike had such an impact on the Connors' life that they downsized

their garage and sold one of their cars.

A director where Connor's wife works liked the bike so much that she now has a designated parking spot.

"She loves it, she parks it outside and plugs it into an outlet," he said.

Moustafa plans to put all comments into a report about the project. He would like to see the project expanded.

"Ideally, I'd like a number of stations on the campus and downtown areas where there are many employees," he said.

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Perspectives on the reality of homelessness

Today I give you my shoes to wear. You are now homeless with a 4-year-old daughter. A welfare program is designed to help you but never allows your head to rise above water. It meets your immediate needs, but the continual problem in finding a permanent residence remains. A child and mother receive about \$490 a month, plus \$90 in food stamps. How many people can live on \$580 a month? It is impossible to find an apartment or room to rent because they require deposits. You are compelled to



Nancy Kapp

stay in transition houses, homeless shelters and cheap hotels. In homeless shelters you are given a limited time of 30 days. You are forced to jump from one shelter to the next and you're always telling the same story: "I looked for a place but could not find an affordable one." How do my shoes feel so far?

In this game you are defeated before you start. In most shelters you must listen to a religious service or you cannot eat. This goes for children, too. Many churches will throw you a bag of food or a lunch. The canned food is useless if you have no place to cook. Street people have a lingo and barter system of their own. This is how we survive.

In the shelters, you are committed to sleep side by side with strangers. Some women do not shower because there is absolutely no privacy. Your life is an open book and anyone can read through the pages.

The worst part of the situation is being homeless with a child. I truly wanted to die when my 4-year-old daughter would look at me and say, "Mommy, I'm hungry."

The system is not equipped to resolve on-going problems for the homeless. It could be if the government didn't spend billions of dollars on nuclear warfare and instead offered enough assistance to pay expected rents. There are thousands of homeless families living in hotels and shelters.

A large percentage of people become homeless for reasons that are out of their control. How many people really choose to be homeless?

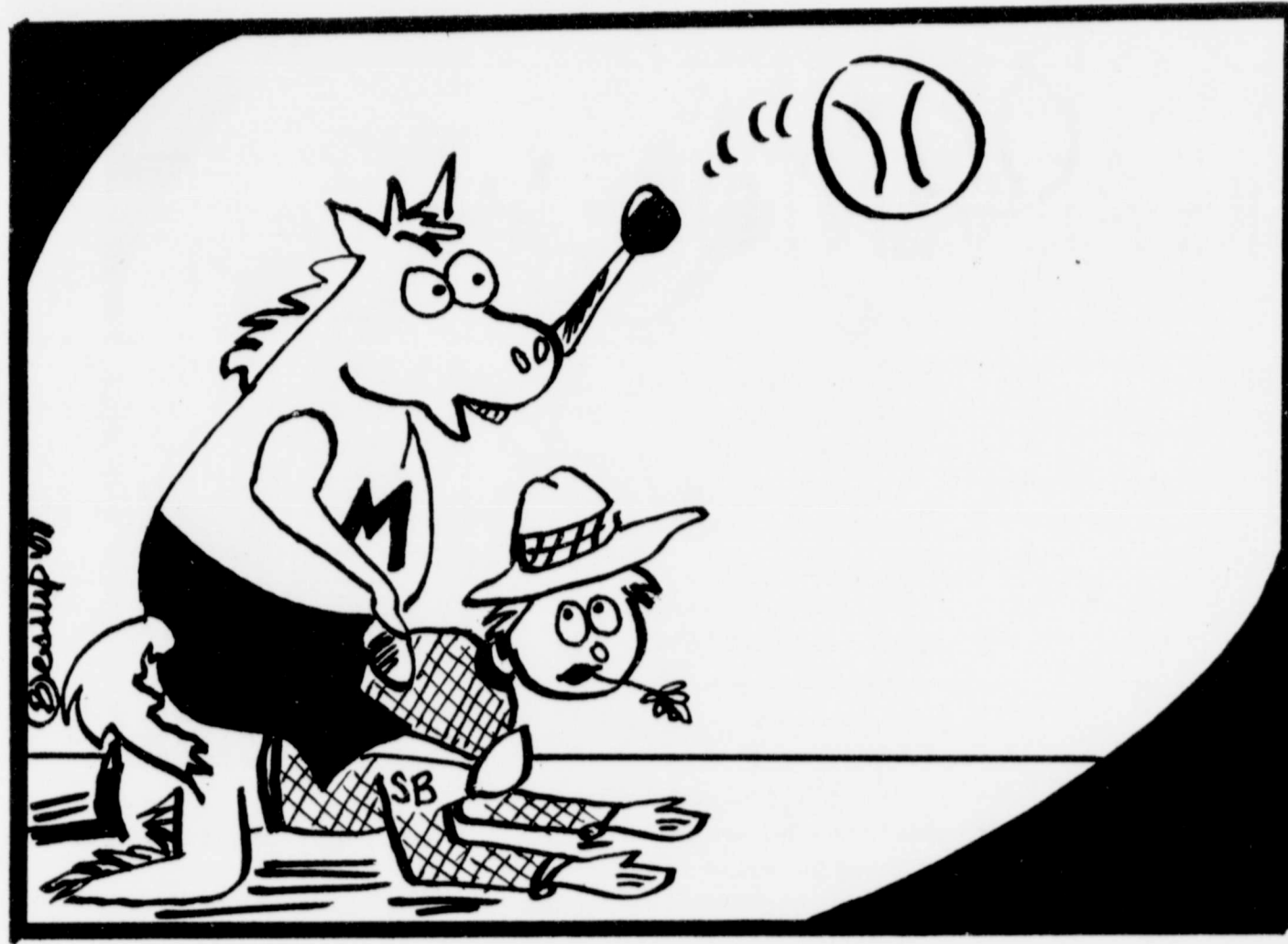
I can tell you that being homeless is a dark hell. My daughter and I were homeless for four years in Santa Barbara. Perhaps we are alive today so we can tell our story. Do innocent children deserve to suffer needlessly?

Please, do not assume that all homeless people are drunks and drug addicts. The fact is that over 50 percent of homeless people are children.

The United States is a democratic and abundant country. Why are we pretending to be blind to a crisis that worsens every day? Is it easier to walk away when you are not in this situation? Remember today you are wearing my shoes so you must acknowledge this problem as your own.

Now that you have seen my life, what are you going to do about the homeless people in our community?

Nancy E. Kapp is a political science sophomore.



TOMORROW'S MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME PROMISES TO BE AN INTERESTING ONE...

Jury duty should be revised

When I got my summons for jury duty not long ago, I started complaining to anyone who would listen about how it was a waste of time and an extreme inconvenience. After everyone told me to stop complaining because it was my civic duty, I began to wonder what kind of favor I was doing to society by deciding the fate of someone I have never met, don't really care about and have no way of knowing if they are telling the truth.

Commentary

A Web site called the Juror's Handbook said that as a juror, I am one of a panel of 12 judges with the responsibility of protecting all innocent Americans from unjust laws.

If I am supposed to protect people from unjust laws, I should be informed of the laws. Courts have ruled jurors have the right to decide the law, but they don't have to be told about it. This sounds hypocritical. It goes further to say that juries have the right to ignore a judge's instructions on the law, but they don't have to be aware of the right to do so. I know basic laws, like don't steal or kill, but our country also has millions of laws I don't know about.

In today's society, lawsuits are filed for just about anything that happens. Is it really a restaurant's fault when someone buys coffee (usually served hot) and spills it on themselves? I wouldn't think so, but most juries will say the restaurant is guilty. This is because no one really knows or cares about

who is responsible (it's called an accident) and will convict the large corporation because they have more money.

I receive forwarded e-mail that contains crazy but true laws. In some states it's illegal to eat in a burning building or even walk backwards down the street. It sounds ridiculous, but I'm sure someone somewhere will try to sue over these things to get rich quick.

Instead of calling me in to protect "innocent" people from unjust laws, we should come up with a system that realizes no jury is needed to convict these people. We will save taxpayers' money by not paying jurors to miss work or school. Anyone who has taken a basic economics class knows time is just as valuable as money.

If I was accused of a crime that I didn't commit, I wouldn't want an uninformed jury of randomly selected people deciding my fate. These people wouldn't care about what happened to me. If I had a weak case because of a bad lawyer or lack of evidence, I could spend the rest of my life in jail.

A jury has the power to acquit, even if the verdict is contrary to the law as given by the judge, and contrary to the evidence. We all saw it happen this past decade with a famous football player.

There is no point in having a judge or evidence if a jury can decide whatever they want. Of course evidence may influence the jury's decision, but hey, if someone's having a bad day, isn't it possible

they may randomly select a verdict? Since one person's vote can "hang" a jury — even if the rest of the group is informed and caring — one person's vote can mess up someone's life.

Of course juries are needed in our system of checks and balances, but there should be a better way of deciding the fate of people. If judges have to spend years in school and work as lawyers before they get to wear their robes, juries should have some form of education as well.

For now, we'll just keep sending unadvised people into court rooms to decide the fate of a fellow human.

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1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 2, 2000 Meeting #00-10
5:10 PM - University Union 220

Highlights

- Resolution #00-02: ASI Stance on the C-Prerequisite Policy
- Resolution #00-03: ASI Stance on the Robert E. Kennedy Collections
- Resolution #00-04: ASI Stance on the Printing Fee Proposal
- Resolution #00-05: ASI Stance on the ITS Printing Fee Proposal
- Point of Sale

(Items on this agenda are subject to change without notice. For any updates check out the Board of Directors Agenda on the web at: asi.calpoly.edu)

2 ASI NEWS

- Parental Notification Policy regarding drug and alcohol violations by students: The Cal Poly Substance Use and Abuse Advisory Committee has worked with students to develop a new policy for Parental Notification of drug and alcohol violations by students. The policy states: Parents of students between the ages of 18 to 21, who have been through a Cal Poly disciplinary process and are found to have committed a disciplinary violation for alcohol and/or controlled substances could be contacted as a resource (not punitive measure) under the following circumstances:
 - Student is at risk of being removed from Cal Poly Residence Halls (Housing License revoked or Housing License Revocation Held in Abeyance) for alcohol and/or controlled substance violation(s).
 - Student is at risk of being removed from (placed on deferred suspension, suspended or expelled from) Cal Poly for alcohol and/or controlled substance violation(s).This policy is pending review by the ASI Board of Directors, the Substance Use and Abuse Committee, and by President Baker.
- Coro Fellows Program: the Coro Fellowship is a full-time, graduate level leadership development program. Coro seeks individuals with demonstrated potential for leadership and a genuine commitment to public service. The program, which begins in September and ends in May, provides a rigorous experience-based education for motivated individuals who want to develop marketable skills for effective leadership and explore or change careers. Coro Fellows work in a series of field assignments with political campaigns, government, business, labor, media and community organizations. The application deadline for the 2000-2001 Coro Fellows Program is February 11, 2000. For more information, please call Larry Labrado at 213-623-1234, ext. 15, or stop by the ASI Student Government Office (UU202).

4 ASI EVENTS

In observance of "Black History Month", ASI EVENTS is presenting, live in concert DAKOTA MOON. The concert, co-sponsored with Black Commencement, will be a benefit concert to raise funds for Black Commencement. Don't miss "Dakota Moon", February 3, 2000, Cal Poly Chumash Auditorium, doors open at 7pm, show at 7:30pm. \$3.00 for Cal Poly students, \$5.00 general admission.

From the first guitar strum on Dakota Moon's "Another Day Goes By", the song best exhibits the groups compelling presence, to the rousing chorus that recalls one part Doobie Brothers/one part Eric Clapton. With a celebrated kickoff appearance on the Rosie O'Donnell Show in 1998, a tone was set for the group's ascent on the pop world. Since then it's been a rollercoastal ride, with Dakota Moon topping the charts in territories such as Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium to name a few. Here in the states, their smash single, "A Promise I Make" remained in R&B Magazine's Top 10 for an incredible 7-plus weeks.

Don't miss DAKOTA MOON, February 3, 2000. Help support Cal Poly's Black Commencement. For more information contact ASI Events at 756-7007.

CHUMASH CHALLENGE

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Dick Vermeil retires on top

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Vermeil is going out on top.

On Tuesday, two days after winning his first Super Bowl and after a long talk with his wife, the 63-year-old coach of the St. Louis Rams decided to retire.



DICK VERMEIL: Retiring coach

A team source, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the retirement, and the announcement was to come at a news conference Tuesday night. The decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to head coach.

The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's highest-scoring offense this season, to a new two-year contract in December that assured he would inherit Vermeil's job.

"I told everyone before the season that Mike Martz was the type of coach who would go after it — from the first game to the last," said Isaac Bruce, who caught the winning touchdown pass in the Super Bowl.

Vermeil coached two Super Bowl teams 19 years apart. He led the Philadelphia Eagles to the NFL title game in 1981, and that 27-10 loss fueled his return to the profession in 1997. He leaves the Rams with two years to go on a five-year contract, but with nothing left to prove.

Vermeil was close to missing the 1999-00 season because of his disastrous beginning with the team. After the Rams went 5-11 and 4-12 in his first two seasons, there was talk that he could be fired.

The players weren't happy, either. Most of it was only grumbling because of extremely hard practices that often left the players exhausted before they stepped on the field on Sundays.

But four prominent players, including cornerback Todd Lyght, boycotted the final team meeting of the 1998 season. That sent a message to the coach, who described it at the time as a "shot in the back."

Vermeil, however, weathered the problems and led the team to an incredible turnaround.

In his first stint as an NFL coach with the Eagles from 1976-82, Vermeil called the plays and basically ran the whole show with an iron fist. He left the game with burnout, and when he returned he became a benevolent overseer.

During the Super Bowl buildup, Vermeil hedged on his future. On one hand, he loved coaching. On the other hand, Carol Vermeil, his wife of 44 years, told him: "What else do you have to prove?" After a day to digest the Rams' victory in perhaps the most thrilling finish of the 34 Super Bowls, Vermeil decided his wife was right.

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discuss Rocker's suspension, though general manager John Schuerholz denied a gag order had been imposed by management.

"The players can say whatever they want," Schuerholz said. "We're just through talking about it as a team. It's over. That's an old issue. We are not going to let it be a distraction for our team."

Cox, returning from a hunting trip, said he would have preferred a quicker decision from the commissioner's office.

"It's been a circus around here for well over a month," Cox said. "It's really been the John Rocker show when it should have been about the Braves."

Even though Rocker's SI tirade also included controversial comments about his manager, Cox said he's talked with Rocker and is willing to forgive.

"I think he deserves a chance to present his case to the team and the fans," he said. "He's suffered an awful lot already. ... I know he would like to see this die down. Most people have already forgiven him and would like to get him back on the right track."

Rookie outfielder George Lombard, who is black, considers himself a close friend of Rocker's family and even spent the night at their home during a trip to Macon.

"Of course, it's disturbing," Lombard said of the SI article. "He's touched a lot of people. It's going to take time to mend those hearts."

Pitcher Kevin Millwood said he was "pretty shocked at how long the tirade went on."

"I've known John for a long time and I've never seen any of this come out of him," Millwood said.

In punishing Rocker, the commissioner noted that "his remarks offended practically every element of society."

Rocker has apologized, saying he was angry at New York fans and lost his cool. His agents issued a statement Monday saying the suspension — believed to be the longest for an

offense not related to drug use in nearly 23 years — was too harsh.

In the meantime, Rocker could cause disharmony in the clubhouse of one of baseball's most successful teams. The Braves have made eight straight postseason appearances, losing to the New York Yankees in the World Series a year ago.

"Obviously, this is a big problem for our team," Millwood said. "He's put the whole team in a situation where not only John but the whole team has to answer questions about it."

He was asked if Selig's punishment was appropriate.

"John hurt a lot of people and now he has to pay the price for it," Millwood said. "I don't think this has ever really happened where one player has come out and gone on a tirade of this sort. There's nothing to look back on."

But Tim Raines, who signed with the Yankees on Tuesday, criticized the commissioner's ruling.

"Anytime a guy gets suspended for that length of time, it's excessive," said Raines, who is black. "It's a difficult question for me because I am one of those minority groups."

Precedent indicates that Rocker's suspension is likely to be reduced.

On July 26, 1971, defending AL batting champion Alex Johnson of the California Angels was suspended for failing to hustle. The decision was overturned an arbitrator who said Johnson had an emotional problem and should have been placed on the disabled list.

On Aug. 16, 1981, St. Louis Cardinals shortstop Garry Templeton was suspended and fined \$5,000 after making a series of obscene gestures toward heckling fans at Busch Stadium. Two days later, an arbitrator ruled the suspension should be lifted when Templeton checked into a hospital for treatment of depression.

Templeton returned to hit .367 in the final three weeks of the season, regaining the respect of teammates who were shocked by his initial actions.

The Braves hope Rocker can follow that precedent.

LEWIS

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limousine a few hours later.

"We're taking the position that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Lewis' lawyer, Max Richardson Jr., said outside court. "From what I've gathered from law enforcement officers, they know Ray didn't kill these unfortunate victims."

He said police were searching for other suspects.

"They don't know where the other two men who were involved are, so they arrested Ray," Richardson said.

Police spokeswoman Marion Lee would not comment on whether other suspects were being

sought or why murder charges were filed.

Lewis was questioned Monday and postponed a flight to Hawaii, where he was to have appeared Sunday in his third straight Pro Bowl after leading the NFL in tackles this season.

"I cooperated fully," Lewis told The (Baltimore) Sun before his arrest. He wouldn't comment further.

Richardson said he had spent only a few minutes with Lewis before the hearing.

"Ray is doing fine," he said. "He believes the system will ultimately show that he is innocent of these heinous crimes."

Lewis also faces second-degree assault charges from a Nov. 30 confrontation at a Baltimore-area

bar in which he allegedly hit a woman. But authorities said Tuesday the case will not go to trial if the charge cannot be substantiated.

The victims from the Super Bowl fight were identified as Jacinth "Shorty" Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of suburban Decatur.

Lollar's grandmother said several of Lollar's friends told her he had been trying to break up a fight between Baker and an unidentified man when a group of men ambushed them.

Joyce Lollar, speaking from Akron, Ohio, said her grandson and his girlfriend were expecting a baby next month.

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Wrestling to host UC Davis tonight

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

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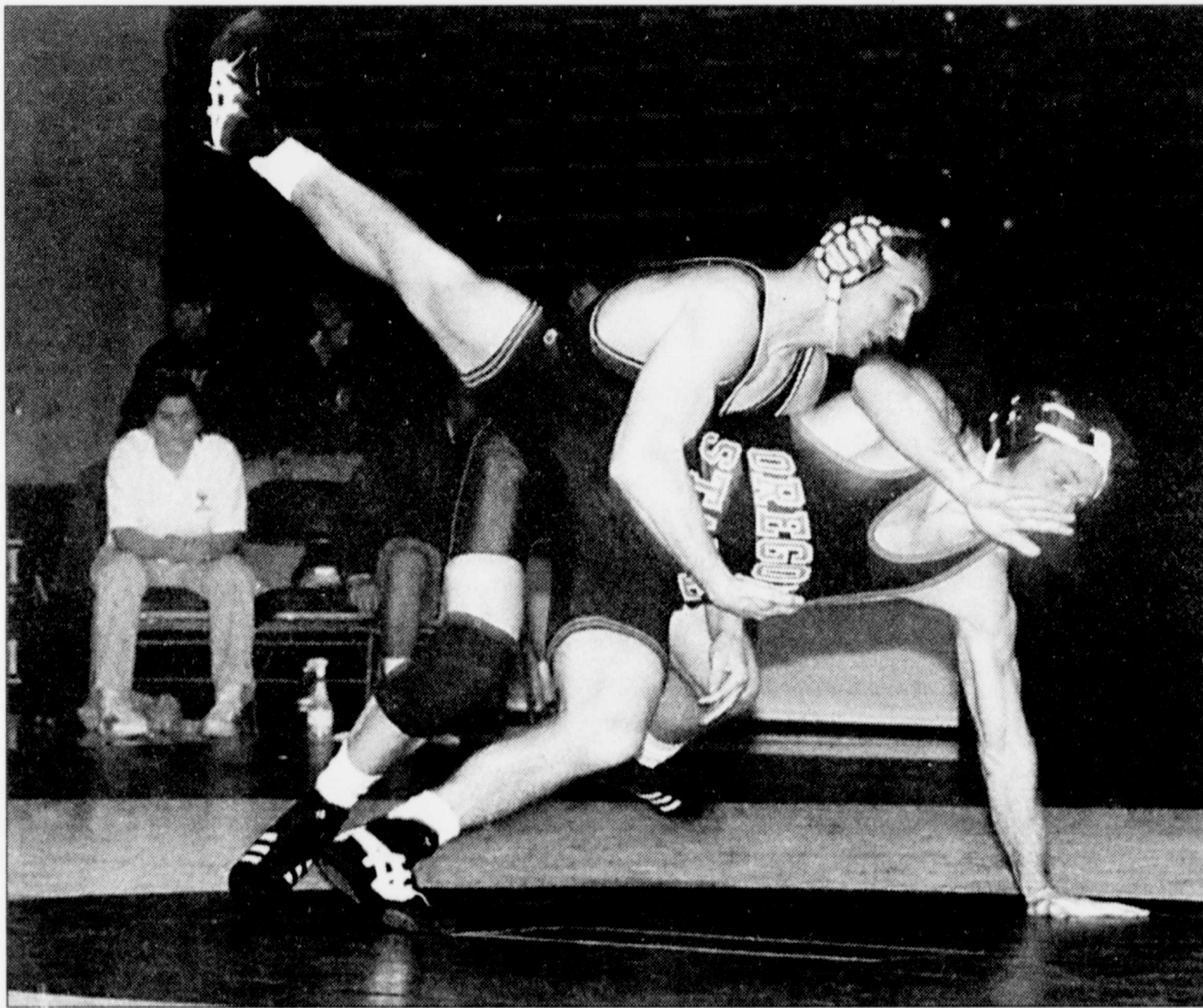
The Mustangs, 5-8 overall and 2-4 in Pac-10 competition, are coming off a pair of losses over the weekend.

Cal Poly first lost to No. 20 Oregon State Saturday, 35-7. The Mustangs got off to a rough start when Josh Blagg was forced to default after a wrist injury only a minute and a half into the bout. They would never capture the lead as only Steve Strange (174 pounds) and Jesse Reta (149 pounds) were able to record victories for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs rebounded Sunday with a closer effort, losing to No. 17 Arizona State 22-15.

Again, Cal Poly never held the lead but did tie the match at 12 until the Sun Devils won two of the last three matches to take home the victory.

The match against the Aggies is the third straight in Mott Gym for the Mustangs. Cal Poly next plays in the California Collegiate Tourney on Friday and then travels to Fresno State Tuesday.

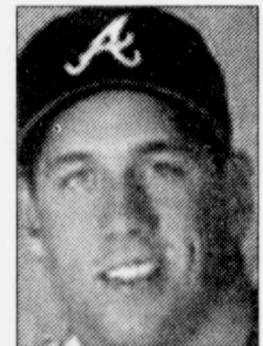


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Mustang wrestlers want to bounce back vs. UC Davis after being slammed to the mat last weekend.

Union files grievance over Rocker suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — As the Atlanta Braves returned to Turner Field on Tuesday to start winter workouts, the players' association filed a grievance to overturn John Rocker's suspension.



JOHN ROCKER:
Pitcher

"I'm glad there's finally a decision," Braves manager Bobby Cox said, a day after commissioner Bud Selig banned Rocker from joining the team until May 1 because of disparaging comments against homosexuals, minorities and foreigners.

"Maybe we can get this behind us one of these days," Cox said.

The players' union asked arbitrator Shyam Das to "rescind the discipline," fully aware that many suspensions by baseball commissioners have been overturned or shortened.

"The discipline is without just cause," the union said in a letter sent to Selig's office. It was unclear when a hearing will be held.

Richard Moss, the association's former top lawyer, said he was surprised Selig ruled Monday without a consensus on the punishment, which also included a \$20,000 fine and sensitivity training.

"For the commissioner's office to just do something without consulting the players' association, without consulting Rocker and without reaching agreement on what was acceptable to everybody was kind of stupid," Moss said in a telephone interview from New York.

"What Rocker did was very wrong. The question is: What's the appropriate way of dealing with it? It should have been worked out with all the parties rather than a confrontational way. It's very stupid for the commissioner's office to do it this way. I think there's a very good chance it will get reduced, and they will look bad in the process."

In the meantime, several teammates and coaches were reluctant to

NFL star jailed on two charges of murder

ATLANTA (AP) — NFL star Ray Lewis was at a post-Super Bowl brawl in which two people were stabbed to death but was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Baltimore Ravens linebacker, his hands shackled in front of him, appeared in court on two counts of murder in the slayings early Monday. No bail was set and he will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

The murder charges carry life in prison or the death penalty, if prosecutors pursue it.

Lewis is the second NFL player in less than a month accused of murder. Former Carolina Panthers receiver Rae Carruth was charged with murdering his girlfriend, who

was pregnant at the time of the drive-by shooting.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had no comment, but Gene Washington, the NFL's chief disciplinarian, called Lewis' arrest "devastating."



RAY LEWIS:
Linebacker

"We've had a tough year as it goes anyway with the Rae Carruth situation," he told One-on-One sports radio network in Chicago. "We certainly, for his own good, hope that it's not true, and for the good of the NFL."

The Ravens said they have not

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Paul Tagliabue
NFL commissioner

taken any action against Lewis and have not spoken with the 24-year-old player.

Asked if the team was considering releasing Lewis, Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said, "Until due process of the law is completed, that will not be addressed."

Several of Lewis' teammates reacted with disbelief at his arrest.

"That's my man," Ravens cornerback Rod Woodson, whose

locker is next to Lewis', said from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. "I hope it ain't true. That's all I can say."

The victims were stabbed repeatedly during a fight about 200 yards from a bar where a party had emptied into the street.

According to witnesses, six men fought and argued with the victims before fleeing in a black limousine, firing at least five shots as they drove away. Police found the

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Moses Malone is the former Philadelphia 76er who owns the NBA record for free throws made. Congrats Tim Lucas!

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Who were the starting quarterbacks during the Miami Dolphins' undefeated season?



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Briefs

Dodgers sign Berroa

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Outfielder Geronimo Berroa, who has played with eight major league teams over 10 seasons, agreed Tuesday to a minor league contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Berroa, 34, hit .194 with one homer and six RBIs in 22 games with the Toronto Blue Jays last year, missing most of the season due to injuries.

He had his best year in 1996 with the Oakland Athletics, hitting 36 homers with 106 RBIs and 101 runs scored. He hit .385 with two homers for the Baltimore Orioles in a 1997 AL division series against Seattle.

Angels sign Gil

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Infielder Benji Gil agreed Monday to a minor league contract with the Anaheim Angels and will attend spring training as a non-roster player.

Gil, 29, hit .279 with 17 homers and 64 RBIs in 116 games last year for Triple-A Calgary, the Florida Marlins' farm team in the Pacific Coast League.

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TONIGHT

- Wrestling vs. UC Davis
- in Mott Gym
- 7 p.m.

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- Men's basketball vs. UC Santa Barbara
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- in Mott Gym
- 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. San Diego
- at San Diego
- 2 p.m.